

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, January 20, 1747.

Since our last arrived a Holland Mail.

From Wye's Letter, London, Jan. 15.

Yesterday the Commons read a Message from the Lords, with Lord Lovat's Answer to the Articles exhibited against him for High Treason, which was ordered to be read in the House, and that the said Answer be referred to the Committee of Secrecy. — Put off Ways and Means to Monday. — Went into a Grand Committee on the Supply, and came to several Resolutions, which will be reported this Day.

And this Day the Commons agreed to the Report of Yesterday's Resolutions, which, amongst others are, that That 196,259 £. be granted for the Ordinary of the Navy, 1747, 7978 £. to make good the additional Stamp Duties, 1745, and 35000 £. to answer one Year's Interest due at Michaelmas 1746, on a Million lent on Credit of the Salt-duties, towards the Supply 1745.

'Tis assured that a Duty of 20 s. per annum will be laid on every Wheel of all Carriages, and an additional Duty laid on Window Lights.

The lovely Anne, Capt. H. R. Lee from Carolina is taken and carried into St. J. go de Cuba.

From the London Evening Post, Jan. 15.

Genoa, Dec. 28. The Body of Troops under the Command of the Marqu's de Botta continue at Gavi, Novi and Voltaggio, with an advanced Piquet at Fialone; we don't hear that he has yet received the Reinforcements which he expected. The Body of Piedmontese, commanded by Count de la Roque, continues at Savona. The Number of the arm'd Subjects of the Republick, which last Post was fix'd at 40,000, now exceeds that Number, and are still Masters of the Pass of the B. chetta. The Stories of a Carpenter and of a Shoemaker, who were at the Head of the People here, were Fables invented at Pleasure, without the least Foundation: The Doge and the Senate were never deposed, but since they would not act in the late Affair, the People found themselves obliged to take such for their Chiefs as would, but they were all Persons of good Famille.

Leghorn, Dec. 31. Our last Accounts from Genoa say, that the People have established a kind of regular Government there, composed of a Senate which consists of 36 Members, 12 of the Chiefs of the People, 12 chosen by the Companies of Mechanicks, 4 Deputies from the People in the Country, and 8 Men of the Law. These publish Edicts and Ordinances, which are obeyed for the present. They have named Father Visconti to go to Vienna, to represent the Reasons for rising in Arms; Signor Franciso Maria Doria, to repair to London, and

other Persons of Distinction for other Courts. In the mean Time, his Sardinian Majesty and the Marques de Botta, have concerted a Plan for attacking the Territories of Genoa, and the City itself on four Sides at once, viz. by the Bocchetta, on the Side of Gavi, from Savona, and by the English Squadron's acting in the Port; so that there seems to be no great Reason to doubt that the City will be very soon reduced a second Time under the Power of the Allies.

Pavia, Jan. 4 Two Battalions of Daun's Regiment, one of Grun's, and the first Division of a Corps of 4000 Waraldins, are arrived here, upon their Way to join M. de Botta at Novi. They seem very much enraged, especially the latter, at the cruel Treatment of their Countrymen, by the Revolted Genoese, and declare they have taken Oath to be signally revenged. The Expedition against the Republick is a little retarded by the long March which the Troops have to make in a Season so little proper, and by the Difficulty found in getting together the necessary Provisions. It is believed, however, that the Marques will soon be in a Condition to march.

Chambery, Jan. 4 According to our Accounts from Genoa, the Revolution which has happened there has cost the Austrians above 2000 killed, 4500 Prisoners, the Colours of two Regiments, besides their Artillery, Magazines, &c. It's added, that in order to prevent the fatal Consequences of the new Expedition which the Marques de Botta is going upon, a kind of Negotiation is set on Foot, formed by the English, and approved of by the King of Sardinia, in order to bring Matters to a Reconciliation without Bloodshed: The Success of this Negotiation is impatiently expected.

Vienna, Dec. 31 An Account has been drawn up here of the Damage sustained by the Body of Troops under the Marques de Botta, on occasion of the Insurrection at Genoa, by the Loss of their Baggage, Equipages, Ammunition, Artillery, Magazines and Military Cest; and the Whole is estimated at upwards of twelve Millions of Florins of the Empire.

Aix, Dec. 28. After several little Advantages gained by the French Army, Marshal Belleisle advanced at the Head of 60 Companies of Grenadiers, and some other Troops, upon which the Enemy retired two Leagues, and this Morning an Express came from him to the Marques de las Minas, to desire him to advance with his Army, in order to assist in driving the Enemy quite out of Provence; accordingly eight Battalions of the Spanish Guards and Walloons were ordered to march immediately, and join the Marshal: The rest of the Troops are likewise in Motion, and since the 26th there arrive daily 3 or 4 Regiments. A Regiment of Hussars which was here is gone to join the Army; and by the Dispo-



sitions that are making, we seem to be at the Eve of a Battle, if the Enemy do not repaſs the Var. The En-
trances are already regulated for a new Reinforcement of 35 Battalions which are coming from Flanders, but the Time of their Arrival is not yet known, it is just re-
ported, that the Enemy being informed of the March of our Army, are assembling all their Forces to receive the Marshal, and that they have even raised the Block-
ade of Antibes, the Troops that formed it being ordered to join the Austrian General.

L O N D O N, Jan. 15.

According to the latest and best Advices from Italy, the Shops indeed, and Houses at Genoa, are open as usual; but the Custom-house, the Bank of St. George, the Ducal Palace, and what they call there the Porto Franco, are still close shut, and the Doge and Senators do not appear in Publick; which having occasion'd a Report that the former had retired by Sea, he was obliged to satisfy the Populace, by looking out for three Hours together at a Window, that the same was false; but he contented himself with doing this, and with returning the Salutes that were paid him, without so much as opening his Lips, which Conduct has occasion'd much Speculation.

We have Advice from Lisbon, that the Prince Frederick and Duke Privateers have taken and brought in there a very rich French Ship, reckoned to be as valuable as one of the South-Sea Ships that they took some Time ago.

On Tuesday a Reprieve was brought to the New Goal in Southwark, from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's Office, for the following Persons, to the 10th of March, viz.

John Saunderson,	James Gadd.
James Batteraugh,	Christopher Taylor,
Charles Deacon,	James Walding,
Thomas Furnival,	Alexander M'Grouther.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Jan. 15.

Nice, Dec. 22. O. S. The Want of For ge has obliged General Brown to retire; That General was at the same Time desirous of drawing near Antibes, in order to hasten the Re pation of that Place. The King of Sardinia has sent him for that Purpose Part of the heavy Artillery which he found in Savona.

Paris, Jan. 2. O. S. Letters from Provence mention, that the Enemy continue to deſile towards the Var, and that Marshal Belleisle has detached ſome Troops to haraſs them in their March. The ſame Advices add, that Count Brown is highly applauded on Account of the strict Discipline and good Order he causes to be obſerved by his Troops in that Province, where the Traders carry on their Commerce with the ſame Freedom as heretofore, by Means of Paſſports, which that General grants them, to protect their Goods from being ſeized or pillaged by Parties who make continual Incursions.

Tis reported, that a Discovery has been made of a Revolt intended in Dauphiny, and which was to have broke out the 4th instant.

L O N D O N, Jan. 15.

Marshal Saxe was at Dinner with the French King, when his Majesty drank to him by the Name of Marshal

General of France; which gives him a Command over all other Marshals, and in the Army, even over the Princes of the Blood. As Marshal Turenne, the laſt who enjoyed this Honour, was killed in the Field, M. de Saxe, upon accepting of it, told the King, that he hoped to finish his Commission as that great Man.

By Letters from Spain, which came by the Way of Holland, we have an Account, that 14 Ships bound to the Spanish West Indies, ſailed from Cadiz the 22d of December, under Convoy of two Men of War of 74 Guns, and 7 or 800 Tons each; one of which bound to the South Seas, is worth upwards of 300,000 £. Sterling.

Yester day it was currently reported that the Austrian and Sardinian Forces, under the Command of Count Brown in Provence, were obliged to repaſs the Var, for the Want of Provisions, which the French had destroyed for teſeral Miles about that Country.

Yester day an Express arrived in Town from Admiral Anſon, by which we have an Account that the Admiral, who has not been very ſucessful in his Cruize, is returning home.

The William and Mary, Stilton, from New England for Antigua, is taken by the French, and carried into Guadaloupe.

Bank Stock 127. India Stock no Price. South Sea Stock no Price.

E D I N B U R G H, January 20.

From Newcastle we have Advice, that on Sunday Night the 11th instant, Mr. Melvill a Lieutenant, and Mr. Reynolds an Ensign, both in Cholmondeley's Regiment, now quartered there, were in Company with ſeveral other Officers at a Tavern in Town, where the Ensign, (being a Native of Ireland) more than once, and with an Air of Seriousneſs, drank, *Damnation to all ſtruffmen, calling them Rebels, &c.* which the Lieutenant (being a Native of North-Britain) bore with long and great Patience: And at laſt gave him a very calm and Gentleman-like Reproſe for his ridiculous and abominable Language, which the Ensign, over-heated perhaps with a Knowledge of his own Abilities, and despifing the friendly Admonition given him, then highly refented. But the Gentlemen preſent interſering, they were ſeemingly reconciled, and both ſat home to their reſpective Quarters, under arrest, by Order of the Lieutenant Colonel. However, the Ensign next Morning (misforſonately for himſelf) ſent a Challenge to the Lieutenant to meet him at a Place therein-mentioned; but he (knowing the Conſequence of disobeying the Orders of a ſuperior Officer) ſent Word to the Ensign by the Messenger, that if he wanted any thing with him, he muſt come to him, who accordingly came, and brought three loaded Pistols with him to the Lieutenant's Lodgings; but the Ensign had not well got up Stairs, till he called for a Knife and Pin, ſuppoſe to sharpen the Flint and clear the Touch-hole, which was immediately carried him, and within ſix Minutes the Pistols were heard to go off at one Shot; and Mr. Reynolds dropped. Mr. Melvill immediately after came down Stairs, and desired the People of the Houſe to call a Gunpowder to the Aſſitance of his Antagonift, which was expeditiously done; but to no Purpoſe, for he expiſed before any Body cou'd come. Mr. Melvill retired by the Carlton Cross, but ſoon after was ſearched by the Carlton Guard, and carried into the Gaol.

and was that Day seen with his Servant three Miles beyond Morpeth, on the Northern Road, both walking on foot. 'Tis said the Ensign gave the Lieutenant the Pistol which shot him, and that the Ensign fired first, but missed the Lieutenant. The Ensign is generally blamed. The Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body the same Day near 5 Hours, when several Circumstances appearing in favour of the Lieutenant, they brought in their Verdict *Manslaughter*.

Yesterday Forenoon a Purse of 20 l. Sterling was run on the Sands of Leith, and the Prize carried by a Mare, the Property of the Right Honourable the Lord Crichton.

This Morning early a Fire broke out in a new Tenement of Land in North Leith, lately built by James Sim Carpenter, which burnt so violently, that nothing was saved; but happily no Lives were lost. 'Tis said the fire began in a Garret, and burnt down to the lowest Flat so furiously, that a Gentlewoman in Child-bed, and several Children could not be brought down Stairs, but were towed over the Windows; and that, if it had not been full Sea, the Ships in the Harbour would have been in the greatest Danger.

This Day, being the Anniversary of the Birth of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the Morning the Flag from the Castle was display'd, at 11 the Musick-bells were let a ringing, and at Noon there was a Discharge of the Cannon of the Castle. In the Afternoon the Health of the Day will be drank, and all other possible Demonstrations of Joy express.

To the Publisher of the *Caledonian Mercury*.

S I R,

As the following Discovery may be of some future Benefit to Society, if the Hint be rightly taken, I make no Doubt of your inserting the Sketch of an Application of ELECTRICITY towards the Improvement of VEGETATION, which I have room to believe the first yet put in Execution, since nothing hath ever been published of the kind.

On the 20th of December last I had a MYRTLE from Mr. Butcher's Green-House, which since that time I have electrified seventeen times, and allowed the Shrub half an English Pint of Water each fourth Day, which you'll please to observe was kept in the Room the most frequented of my House, and consequently the most exposed to the Injuries of the Air, by the Doors and Windows being oftenest opened.

This Myrtle hath since by Electrization produced several Shoots, the longest measuring full three Inches; whereas Numbers of the same Kind and Vigour left in the said Green-House have not shew'd the least Degree of Increase since that Time.

Having now undertaken a further and more satisfactory Experiment of the same Nature, I am in hopes of communicating soon to the Publick some Proofs still more evident of the present Hint, which I must leave to be improved by Men of more executive Knowledge, and of Talents superior to,

From my Boarding-School

S I R,

for LADIES in } Your very humble Servant,
Bishop's Land, Jan. 19, } Stephen Demainbray.

47.4.7.

We hear that To-morrow Evening (by Desire of a Lady of Quality) at the Taylors-Hall in the Cowgate, will be performed a CONCERT of Vocal and Instrumental MUSICK. Between the two Parts of the Concert will be performed (*gratis*) a TRAGEDY (not acted here these two Years) called *ALZIRA*, written originally by *Voltaire*, and performed twice in one Night at the Theatre in Paris, and since translated by *Aaron Hill*, Esq; and performed at both the Theatres in London with universal Applause, to which (at the particular Desire of the Lady of Quality who patronizes the Play) will be presented (*gratis*) a Dramatick Tale, called, *The King and the Miller of Mansfield*, for the Benefit of Mr. Ward.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

* * * **PATRICK TOD**, at his Shop behind the City Guard, Edinburgh, has just now brought from London and Holland, Varieties of new and fresh GARDEN and GRASS SEEDS, FLOWER SEEDS and ENGLISH ACORNS, where likewise may be had GARDEN UTENSILS. He has tried several Kinds of his Garden Seeds, and finds they grow extraordinary well, and will sell them at as low Prices as any in this Country.

N. B. Likewise he sells good Honey at 3 s. 2 s. and 1 s. 8 d. per Pint, Bacon and Bacon Hams, Hogs Lard, and Neats Tongues, new Hops, and several other Grocery Goods, all at very reasonable Prices.

* * * **JOHN RICHARDSON** in the Middle of the West-bow, Edinburgh, has just now brought from Holland and London, Varieties of new and fresh GARDEN and GRASS SEEDS, FLOWER SEEDS, FRUIT TREES and ACORNS; where likewise may be had, Garden Utensils, English Hops, Pickles, such as, Cucumbers, Walnuts, Barberies, French Beans. Having tried several Kinds of the Garden Seeds, finds they grow extraordinary well, and will sell them at low as any in this Country, with several other Goods, all at reasonable Prices.

* * * That a TENEMENT of Houses lying betwixt Forrester's and Bell's Wynds, upon the South side of the Tolbooth of Edinburgh; consisting of four Houses and two Cellars, one of which a laigh House in Forrester's Wynd set at 1 l. 13 s. 4 d. Another a little House above the former, which has an Entry up by some Steps from Forrester's Wynd, at 3 l. 10 s. Another a large well built Lodging with many Conveniences, and has an Entry to both Wynds, at 10 l. Another a little House below it, and having its Entry off Bell's Wynd, at 3 l. 10 s. And two Cellars or laigh Houses below that; set at 13 s. 4 d. each, in all extending to 20 l. Sterling Money, are to be sold by a voluntary publick Roup, at John's Coffee-house, upon Wednesday the 4th Day of February next, at 4 o'clock Afternoon, or betwixt and that Time. Any who have a Mind to purchase, may communicate with John Pattullo Writer in Edinburgh, who will likewise satisfy them as to the Pro-
perty.

NOT The ROOM of Lands and MAILLING called the Park of Linlithgow, formerly possest by Alexander Cunningham, is to be SELL in Tack for the Space of nineteen Years, at a Roup thereof within the House of Mrs. Grier Vintner in Linlithgow, upon Thursday the 29th current. The Conditions of the Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Thomas Smith Writer in Linlithgow.

* * * The Creditors of the deceast Sir ALEXANDER BROWN of BASSENDEN are desired forthwith to give in a Note of their Debts to John Fraser Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Morocco's Close, Lawn-market, who has got Powers from the present Sir Alexander Brown to enquire into the State of his Father's Affairs.

To be SOLD by publick Roup on Monday the 26th current, at Two o'Clock Afternoon, in a Cellar in George Miln's Close, Quality-street, Leith,

Eighteen Butts fine old ZERY, and twelve Butts old MOUNTAIN. The Articles and Conditions of Roup to be seen at William Bell's Wine-cooper in Leith, who will also let the Wines be tasted any Time before the Roup.

* * * That the bygone Arrears of Rents and Feu duties, due by the Tenants and Feuars of the Estate of Preston-grange, are to be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup, by Warrant of the Lords of Council and Session, upon Thursday the 22d Day of January current, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 Afternoon, in the Parliament-houſe, before one of the said Lords. The Accompts and Instructions of the said Arrears of Rents and Feu duties, with the Articles and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Bruce one of the Under-clerks of Session, at any time before the Roup.

* * * **HENRT HALTBURTON** Writer in Edinburgh having died about two Months ago, the Rights of his Executry are now compleat in the Person of **HENRT GEEKIE** Merchant in Dundee, his Nephew: And this serves to advertise all those who had Business depending upon Mr. Halyburton, or Papers in his Cuffody, and who have not as yet heard of his Death, that they may now receive up what Papers were in his Hands from **DAVID JOBSON** Writer, at the Writing chamber of Mr. Laurence Craigie Writer to the Signet in James's Court, West Entry, they paying in to the said David Jobson what Money is resting upon them. And

As there are a good many pretty large Debts owing to Mr. Halyburton by People in the Lothians, Angus-shire, and other Places, it is expected that his Debtors will, without further Notice, call for Mr. Geekie at his House in Dundee, or for the said David Jobson at the aforesaid Writing-chamber, as is most convenient for them, and either pay up what Money they are resting to Mr. Halyburton, or renew the Securities for the same payable to Mr. Geekie himself.

N. B. Mr. Jobson will satisfy those who call at him of the Sufficiency of his Powers, for receiving Payment of Money, and discharging the same.

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MR PATRICK DRUMMOND, at his Shop in the Lawn-market, opposite to Liberton's Wynd, Edinburgh, has just now brought from the properest Places abroad, all Sorts of the best and freshest GARDEN SEEDS, FLOWER SEEDS, GRASS SEEDS, and such TREE SEEDS as last Season produced, particularly a larg. Quantity of Great Oak Acorns exceeding good, at 2 s. 6 d. per Peck, and 7 s. 6 d. per Bushel; and all other Seeds to be sold by him as cheap as any where else in Scotland. And as a Proof of their Freshness, severals of the principal Sorts may be seen growing extraordinary well in Pots in his Shop.

He likewise sells all Sorts of Gardening Utensils, new Hops cheap and good, finest eating Oil at 2 s. per Flank, and 2 s. 6 d. per Chopin Bottle; sundry Sorts of Pot Peas, particularly fine English Spleet Peas, all Sorts of plain and gilded Writing Paper, sealing Wax and Wafers, in Wholesale or Retail; likewise Coll. flower, Savoy and different Kinds of Cabbage Plants, all raised from his own Seeds.

Any who want Catalogues of the Seeds, &c. may have them at the above Shop.

MR ARCHIBALD EAGLE Merchant in Smith's Land, opposite to Black triare Wynd, Edinburgh, and Seedsman to the Honourable Society for improving Agriculture, has just now imported from the best Places abroad, a curious Collection of new and fresh GARDEN and GRASS SEEDS, (especially a Quantity of good English Rye Grass to be sold cheaper than usual) with great Variety of Flower Seeds, and several Kinds of Tree Seeds, particularly fine Acorns; so that all Persons who have already given Commission for such Seeds may immediately call for them, and all others who want can be furnished at as cheap and low Prices as any where else in Town: Likewise may be had every Sort of Garden Utensils, as also fine Durham and Isle of May Flower of Mustard, new Kentish Hops, and all manner of Falcon Graith, &c.

To be exposed to Roup within the Tolbooth of Falkirk, on Monday the 2d of February next, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 before Noon.

That Part of the WOOD of CALLENDAR called the Halgreen Corbucall and Glenleugh; consisting of old Oak, Birch, Aller, Saugh and Ash. The Conditions of Sale to be seen in the Hands of George Lockhart Writer in Edinburgh, Thomas Bowie and James Livingstone at Falkirk.

To be exposed to publick voluntary Roup, in the House of William Duncan Vintner in Perth, upon Thursday the 29th of January instant, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon.

The Lands of WINTHANK, lying near the Town of Perth, belonging to Patrick Davidson of Woodnide, holding Feu of the Hospital of Perth, and paying of yearly Rent 40 Bolls of Bear, and 41. 16 s. Scots of Money, out of which is to be deduced 4 l. of Feu-duty and 2 l. of Ground-annual payable yearly to the said Hospital. The Rental, Progrs of Writs and Articles of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of John Richardson Sheriff clerk of Perth.